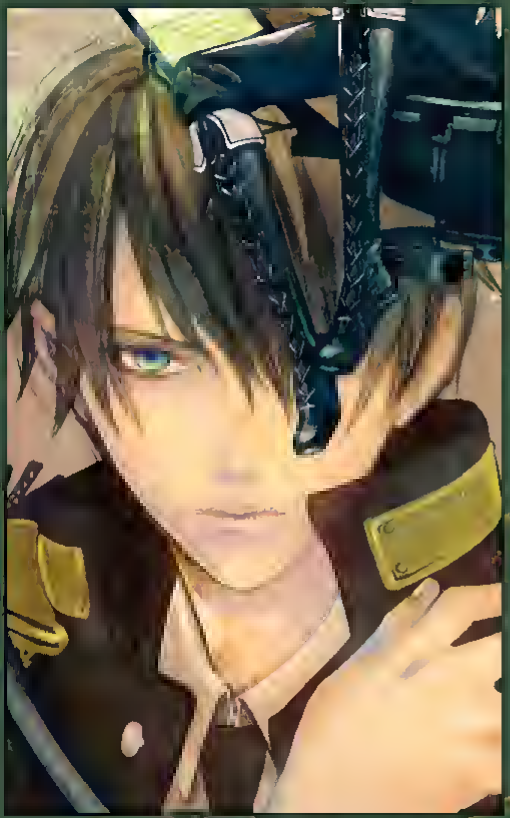

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At the age where he fights with an invisible opponent
Hi Yah!

It's as if I have another brother
scritch
Fell asleep ?
Just
excited
excited
excited party
"I wanted to burn that moment into my memory" That's very important isn't it
Do I wake them up uh oh
uhh
shut

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STEP
STEP
!
FWIP
FON.
CAN YOU WAIT FOR ME? LET'S GO TOGETHER.
YOU HAVEN'T HAD BREAKFAST, RIGHT?
.....

His memories were erased?

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WE'LL STILL HAVE TIME TO GO TO THE CAFETERIA
He really did not notice anything.
It will be alright, Fon.
SORRY, IT TOOK QUITE A WHILE
He really can't remember anything?
Really?
HM?
NOTHING...

EVER SINCE HIS RETURN TO SCHOOL, FON HAS NOT ONCE LOOKED INTO MY EYES
I can't look into his eyes.
.....
Thinking that the image from that night might have burnt into Jaques eyes!
Thinking that I have been pretending as a human and deceiving Jaques...
I...

What kind of expression should I use...
In order to look him in the eyes?
Fon!
WHEN EVERYONE HEARD YOU WENT TO THE HOSPITAL,
WE ALL WORRIED ABOUT YOU
I AM FINE
DESPITE JUST RETURNING TO SCHOOL, YOU SCORED PERFECT ON THE FINAL EXAM.
JUST AS EXPECTED FROM YOU!
RIGHT, NICOLAS?

I STILL CAN'T BEAT YOU
That's because I am meant to be this way,
AH...
!
From the beginning.
IN-DEED
YOUR TALENT SUPPRESSES EVERYONE ELSE'S
IT'S NOT MY TALENT.
THEY ARE NOT THE RESULTS THAT I MADE ON MY OWN

THEY ARE PROFESSOR'S RESULTS ?
THEY ARE PROFESSOR'S RESULTS

WHATEVER YOU THINK.
FON, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU BUT YOU SEEM SOMEWHAT IRRITATED?

IT FEELS AS IF HE HAS GIVEN UP ON HIMSELF
NO, WHEN HE FIRST ENTERED HE WAS MORE DISTANCING OF HIMSELF
BUT NOW....
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT GUY? HE SEEMS SUDDENLY MATURE SINCE... HE CAME BACK...?
AS IF HE'S BACK TO THE WAY HE WAS WHEN HE FIRST ARRIVED

FON IS NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO WILL BRING HIS ISSUES TO SCHOOL
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
SO? JAQUES?
DO YOU THINK HE HAD A FIGHT WITH HIS FAMILY?
FON
What really happened during these three weeks
"BECAUSE I AM MEANT TO BE THIS WAY"...?
HOLD IT, FONTINERAS.
Neither the school nor the police were alarmed, and he came back to school as if nothing happened.
He got his revenge, but there's no joy on his face.
Instead, he talked so callously... As if he's looking down upon himself

WHEN WILL THE ACTIVITIES OF ELFENBEIN RESUME?
.....
WHILE YOU WERE GONE I'VE BEEN CONTINUING IT'S ACTIVITIES.
BUT IF THIS GOES ON, OUR EFFORTS WILL BECOME USELESS
JUST STOP IT...

!

ARE YOU KIDDING DIDN'T YOU WANT TO CHANGE THIS ISLAND?
I AM NOT QUALIFIED TO EXPOSE THE INJUSTICES.
Just stop it!

NOT QUALIFIED...?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THIS ISLAND.
YOUR POWER IS NECESSARY.
LET'S CHANGE THIS CORRUPTED ILEGENES, FORTINERAS.
You were created by us in order to change this island.
Nico-las...
You want to force me to do that as well?

EXPOSING INJUSTICE DOES NOT NEED ANY QUALIFICATIONS, RIGHT?
YOU SAID THAT. YOU LET ME REALIZE THAT.
FONTINBRAS...?
That's right... The old me would say things like that
But I have committed murder I am a human who's been created artificially
The first one to receive judgment should be me...
Originally, I shouldn't have any citizen rights just like the clones.
No, even clones are better than me.
WHAT HAPPENED
WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY HE'S NOT QUALIFIED SO HE CAN'T DO IT...?
Within my genes are blended organisms other than human beings
I am lower than clones since I am made from artificial DNA.

Even if I do have it, I don't want to use it on this island.
"I'm only an organism with the appearance of a human being."
Just an artificial body, yet calls itself "a citizen"
This kind of illegal object..
Actually tries to judge people?
DISBAND
ELFEN-SEIN
PLEASE FORGET ALL OF IT.
"NO MATTER HOW TALENTED THE PERSON IS, NOTHING CAN BE CHANGED IF THAT ABILITY IS NOT USED TO PURIFY THIS ISLAND".
WHA.. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER

I WILL NOT FORGET WHAT YOU HAD SAID.
However..
FONTIN-BRAS!
However, I..
I don't want to live for the sake of that.

Despite brutally murdering someone, I received no punishment and still remained here.
Not only that...
No matter how remarkable I get, that's only because I was "designed" flawlessly.
I am different from everyone else whose achievements are earned through their hard work.
Ah ha ha...
I have deceived everyone.

Whether attending classes or undertaking trainings...
These are all for the sake of Professor's experiment rather than for my own future.
No matter how hard I work, they are nothing more than the professors' results from years of calculations.
My desire to change this island, is this feeling also not from my own will?
Why did Professor let me continue to live?

How are the 5 other artificial humans created before me living right now?
If I break, the artificial humans after me will change this island, right?
If I..
If...
!
.....

.....
Ahh, I remember now.
Before coming to this school,
I heard a soft singing voice.
A voice that only I can hear...
At the front of the forbidden dungeon
Everyone at the research institute told me that I have paracusia*, but it's definitely not my imagination.
.....

*Any type of deficiency in hearing.

I have always hoped to meet...
That must be "you*" who is after me.
I have finally understood...
GUH
STEP
STEP
FON, ARE YOU THERE...?
*He's referring to the 7th artificial human.

cough
cough
HEY!
!
I AM FINE, JAQU...
IS IT THE REGULAR SPASM AGAIN...?
BUT YOU ARE...!
!
THUMP
!
YOU
JUST NOW...

That time...
I did not ask for any further.
"What were you doing?"
Probably because I didn't want to believe that possibility.

In the evening...
I finished my duty organizing the warehouse early because I felt something was wrong.
But it was already too late.
There was no sign of Fon inside the school...
EXCUSE ME
HAVE YOU SEEN FON AROUND?
NO?

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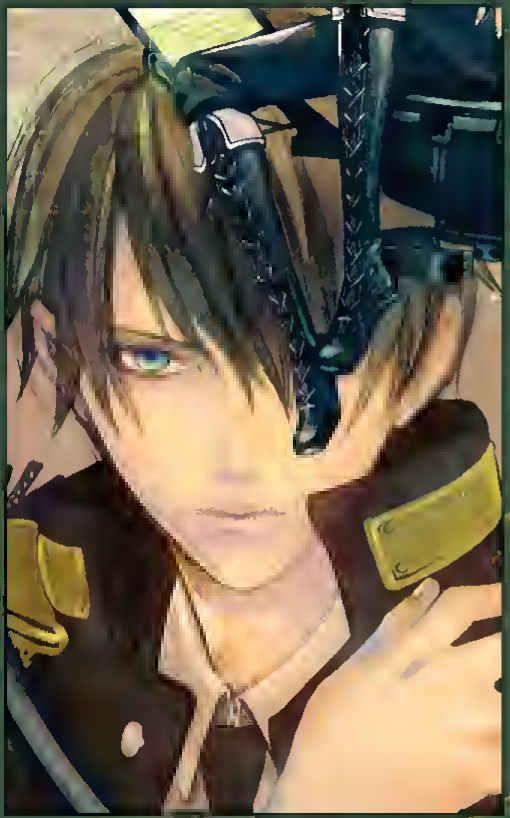

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If from this point on, my life has already been decided...
Then...
It should be okay to end it here.
click
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All of this becomes an illusion...
Before...

grab
Don't, Fon!
squeeze
clack

.....
JAQ-UES...?
WHY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
ARE YOU...
YOU'RE A BIG FOOL!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DIE!
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT!
...I HAVE LIED TO EVERYONE...
lllicker
...
lllicker
.....

Even though I know the truth, I cannot tell the truth.
I am an illegal artificial body created for one sole purpose.
I should've been kept further away from humans than that mermaid at the alley covered with moss
JAQUES...
I AM...
A COWARD
clutch
I can only pretend to be a human being and carry on lying to everyone

IT'S OKAY TO LIE
IT'S OKAY TO DECEIVE.
I'm afraid that once I've told the truth, everything I've built up will change.
If I were made to give up these arms, I rather end myself.
PLEASE LET GO
I WON'T LET YOU GO
SO PLEASE DON'T DIE

I WILL NOT ALLOW THAT!
I HATE IT WHEN YOU ARE NOT HERE
I DON'T WANT TO RETURN TO A ROOM WITHOUT YOU
"I heard you were sick?"
Everyone would ask this first
Why..
.....
Why haven't you asked me anything, Jaques?

You remember what happened that night, don't you?
That's why you didn't ask, right?
Even so...
Why are you holding me so hard?
TSK
I DON'T HAVE THE QUALIFICATION TO STAY HERE...
SO...
IT DOESN'T MATTER!

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH BEING QUALIFIED OR NOT
IT'S NO GOOD UNLESS IT'S YOU...
You're wrong, Jaques
The world will continue running smoothly even
if a small gear like me is replaced by other spares.
Let the other Purge Children fulfill the professor and his researchers' project—

I am no human.
I am created, Jaques...
THERE ARE... THOSE WHO COULD REPLACE ME...
THERE ARE NO REPLACE-MENTS!
MY SOLE ROOMMATE IS YOU!
.....
LISTEN, FON.

TO ME IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE.
AT FIRST YOU REJECTED ME, BUT...
I STARTED TO EXCHANGE MORE AND MORE CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU, WHO USED TO AVOID AND REJECT OTHERS.
WE TALKED ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM NIGHT TILL DAWN
I WANTED TO SHOW YOU MORE OF THIS VARIEGATED WORLD.
I WANTED TO SEE MANY MORE DIFFERENT THINGS WITH YOU.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T... YOU CAN'T DIE YET.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO EXPLORE THIS WORLD COMPLETELY EVEN IF YOU SPEND YOUR WHOLE LIFE.

The emotions I am feeling right now must be also. .
JAQUES
Your beliefs might just be prearranged.
To obtain the authority of the state, I might be designed to be this attractive.
.....

But the pain I am feeling from my chest...
FON.
But...
ONLY YOU CAN SLEEP BESIDE ME

Can I regard it as
my own will?

SORRY...
SORRY JAQUES...
SORRY...

ES.

Why can you accept the fate of being a spare?

To accept such a cruel reality...

That you are created...
You live as a spare.
How could you live with happiness?
.....

Jolt
ES

TURN ON THE LIGHTS?
Click
WHY DIDN'T YOU

BRO-THER.
Smile
WELCOME BACK
Smile

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similar
ingredients
to create
a different
self
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WELCOME BACK, BROTHER...
ES
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN EATING PROPERLY RECENTLY.
!
YOUR BODY DOESN'T ONLY BELONG TO YOU
AH...
SHOCK
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

I...
BROTHER, I...
I've never seen those kind of eyes
For a beautiful eyes were dyed red because of me.
HMM?
I was the one who lead the way...
If I hadn't told For where that man was...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO
GANTZ

IT'S ALL MY FAULT
BECAUSE I DID UNNECESSARY THINGS
I have dirtied his hands.
CALM DOWN, ES!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
...AH
HMM?
ES...

SORRY..
BROTHER...
Even though you are just my slave, a property of mine...
You have a secret that you can't tell me.
...YOU CAN'T TELL ME?
You've become "human" yourself.

That day...

The day when Sergeant was killed, ES had sent an email to Fon.

..But the past emails with ES didn't mention anything
It would be great if I could know the reason of why Fon is searching for Sergeant and how they are related.
YOU CANNOT STAY IN THAT HOUSE
YOU NEED TO BE RELEASED
BROTHER IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AFTER ALL
REALLY
YOU SURE ARE CARELESS FON
DID YOU NOT THINK THAT I WOULD CHECK THE CONTENTS OF THE EMAILS BETWEEN YOU AND ES?

EXCUSE ME
open
I HAVE INVESTIGATED ON THE MATTER YOUNG MASTER HAD INSTRUCTED A FEW DAYS AGO
LET ME SEE
COME IN
knock knock
YOUNG MASTER
HIS PARENTS WERE THE ONES WHO TOOK PART IN THE ANTI-CLONING TRADING ACTIVITIES: THE MILLFIELD COUPLE.
BUT THE MILLFIELDS WERE MURDERED SIX YEARS AGO BY BLACK MARKET SERGEANT
AFTER THAT HE WAS ADOPTED BY PROFESSOR LITTENBER.
RON F MILLFIELD
WAS HIS NAME BEFORE HE GOT ADOPTED BY PROFESSOR MICHAEL LITTENBER

NO MATTER WHAT METHOD I USE, I AM UNABLE TO FIND OTHER PHOTOS
THERE AREN'T MANY PHOTOS AND IT SEEMS MOST OF THEM WERE TAKEN AROUND THE SAME TIME?
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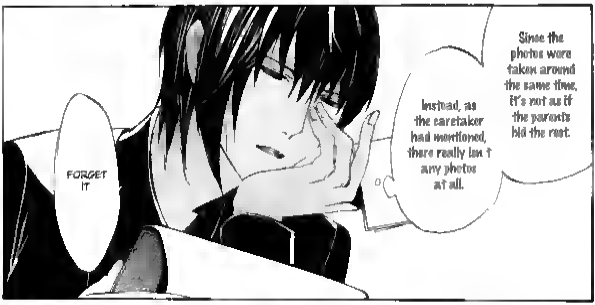
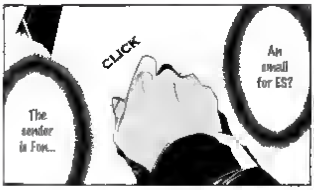

FORGET IT
Instead, as the caretaker had mentioned, there really isn't any photos at all.
Since the photos were taken around the same time, it's not as if the parents hid the rest.

If his step-father is Professor Littenbar then covering up the truth shouldn't be hard...
ES had been at that place that day. The following day Fon had missed school.
rustle
THE ONE IN CHARGE OF FON'S PARENTS MURDER WAS SERGEANT WHO GOT KILLED EARLIER RIGHT?
YES



I need to meet you.
There are some things that I wish to discuss.

Such as...why are you able to accept the truth?
I want to know what your thoughts about me are.

I'll be waiting for you at the observation deck tomorrow at 8PM.

Sorry
tap
tap
tap
CLICK
Delete
.....
That man is actually your enemy
Delete it.

THIS WAY.
YOU SHALL BE TRAPPED BY MY CHAIN, FORTINBRAS.
This island...
There are countless of artificial beings living under these lights
He isn't coming, after all...

That mermaid soaking in the dirty water tank in that alley.. I wonder how she is now.
Because humans would only give you strange looks..
If you had been a failed product since birth, living your life in that place,
Wouldn't it be better to end your life? Wouldn't you be happier?
If you are a defect..
IF YOU ARE A DEFECT ?

You are an individual. You are the same as me, a human.
Did I just scorn an artificial being...?
THEN THOSE WORDS ABOUT ARTIFICIAL BEINGS BEING THE SAME AS HUMANS.
BUT MY HEART...

Have I always discriminated artificial beings?
Looked down on them?

I self-righteously said those thing to ES because I was proud of being a natural being.
What an extremely naïve sense of justice...

I had thought that ES accepting his reason to live hadn't been normal...
I didn't understand anything
It is clear that not everyone can have an equal feeling of
Similar sufferings
Or similar troubles
I am not unfortunate.

In that gloomy alley,
There would be an occasional ray of light shining through
Did she ever have a moment where she was glad
That she is still living in this world?
After that, I had sent several emails but never received ES s replies

I cannot accept my existence.
FON
?
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING A LOT RECENTLY
THERE IS NO NEED TO ACCOMPANY ME THROUGH THESE KIND OF THINGS JACQUES

I AM NOT ACCOMPANYING YOU, IT'S JUST THAT I CAN'T SLEEP.
I KNOW THAT YOU ARE AWAKE BEFORE I SLEEP.

IT SURE IS NOSTALGIC.
AHH...
I FEEL LIKE WE HAD A SIMILAR CONVERSATION WHEN WE HAD FIRST MET

HEY FON

LET'S TAKE A LONG BREAK.
.....?
LONG BREAK?
THAT'S RIGHT. WE SHOULD APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL AND TAKE A BREAK TOGETHER.

JACQUES... LEAVING SCHOOL AND TAKING A BREAK... ARE YOU PLANNING A VACATION?
SORRY, BUT I HAVE NO WISH TO LEAVE THIS ISLAND
NO

次の連休は、実家へご招待――？　5月号は休載となります。続きは6月号で！

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WELCOME BACK, NII-SAN -

I'M BACK!
CHAPTER 28
WE ARRIVED LATER THAN SCHEDULED.
I KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT NII-SAN WOULD BE LATE
YOU ALWAYS ARE!
HAHA...
HAVE YOU SEEN HER BEFORE DURING THE RELATIVES OPEN DAY AND THE STUDENT ORIENTATION?
SHE'S THE ELDEST DAUGHTER, CELINA.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, FON-SAN

I remember her cheering for Jacques at the opening ceremony
OH, YOU'RE FINALLY BACK!
...AH!
AND THIS MUST BE FON? JUST LIKE THE RUMOURS SAY, HE'S A BISHONEN.
...AHH NICE TO MEET YOU, TOO.
THIS IS MY MOTHER.
This is Jacques's ...
OI, YOU'RE TOO FORMAL, FON. IT'S RARE FOR US TO HAVE A BREAK!
NO NO, IT'S GOOD MANNERS FOR WHEN YOU'RE UNDER SOMEONE ELSE'S CARE
bow
?
I AM JACQUES'S ROOMMATE, FON. F. LITTENBER.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.
pfft
NO WORRIES, BOTH OF YOU HURRY AND COME OVER.

clap
clap
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE'S IN PLACE!
THERE'S NO NEED TO INTRODUCE CELINA AND JACQUES
I'll line up too
WEL-COME BACK NII-SAN!
THIS IS THE THIRD DAUGHTER, ANGELICA AND THIRD SON SETH. THEY'RE TWINS.
THIS IS THE SECOND SON, RUSSELL.
THIS IS THE SECOND DAUGHTER, PETITE
DAD, DO YOU KNOW?
WASN'T HE WAITING HERE FOR JACQUES TO COME BACK?
EH? JOHN?
WHERE HAS JOHN GONE OFF TO?
AH?
AND THEN THE YOUNGEST

THAT'S STRANGE
...
TEEHEE
RUN
quietly
HMM
SERIOUSLY, THAT CHILD...
THE LITTLE MISCHIEVOUS BRAT HAS FINALLY APPEARED!
EH?
!
THUMP
JUMPS
...
NII-SAN, WELCOME ...
SFX: HAPPY

...
BACK
...
EH?
WHO ARE YOU?!
DON'T BE SO RUDE JOHN, THIS IS OUR GUEST, FON.
THIS IS MY YOUNGEST BROTHER, JOHN KIDDO, HURRY UP AND SAY HELLO PROPERLY
AH, FON AND NII-SAN ARE ROOM-MATES!
GREE-TINGS
NICE TO MEET YOU!
...
NICE TO MEET YOU TOO

How do I say this... everyone is like Jacques.
...
THIS WAY, FON.
CELINA, PETITE AND ANGE, COME HELP ME PREPARE DINNER.
YES
OKAY
FON, YOU CAN PUT YOUR LUGGAGE IN THE GUEST ROOM
JACQUES, SHOW HIM THE WAY THERE
chuckle
OH, YOU GREW TALLER AGAIN?
CAN YOU STOP TREATING ME LIKE A KID? I'LL GROW TALLER THAN JACQUES NII-SAN IN THE FUTURE!
IF YOU'RE TOO POLITE, JOHN MIGHT BRUTALLY ATTACK YOU, SO BE PREPARED
RIGHT? SPECIAL COMMANDER.
This is...
YES!

opens
IT'S VERY LIVELY, RIGHT?
CELINA AND I ARE THE ELDEST,
BUT THE OTHERS ARE PRETTY SIMILAR IN AGE.
This is Jacques's "family"
YOU HAVE A LOT OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Brothers and sisters.
NII-SAN
PETITE... WHAT IS IT?
MOTHER SAID THAT BEFORE DINNER S READY.
YOU SHOULD TAKE FON NII-SAN OUT FOR A WALK
SURE. I WAS JUST THINKING OF TAKING A WALK NEAR THE SEA, TOO
ah
ALSO...
FON NII-SAN, WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?

WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO EAT
...LET ME SEE...
ISN'T IT SPAGHETTI?
-EH?
I SEE YOU EAT IT PRETTY OFTEN, AM I WRONG?
...
Ah...
NOW THAT YOU SAY THAT, IT DOES SEEM TO BE TRUE
OH, FON ALWAYS OBLIVIOUS TO SMALL MATTERS RELATED TO YOURSELF.
...
My business. My own matters...

I LOVE VIEWING THE SEA FROM HERE.
FROM HERE YOU CAN SEE ALL OF THE ISLAND OF ILEGENES. THE ISLAND OF BIRTH IS RUMOURED TO BE PROTECTED BY THE GODDESS.
A SHADOW OF ITS FORMER SELF WHICH WAS FULL OF NATURE'S BLESSING.
BECAUSE OF THE POLLUTION IN THE SEA, IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO RESTORE IT BEFORE THE FISH WILL COME BACK FROM THE OCEAN
EVEN SO, THANKS TO THE DEVELOPMENT IN MICROBIOLOGY, MOST OF ITS COLOUR HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOVERED.
SOON, IT WILL RETURN TO BEING THE DEEP BLUE SEA FROM HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO
THE FORMERLY BEAUTIFUL ILEGENES... HUH...
I'VE ONLY SEEN IT IN PHOTOS
...No That photo was just an artificially created memory.

JACQUES... WHY DID YOU SHOW ME THIS PLACE?
HERE, THERE'S A SPECIAL FEEL TO THE WIND...
NOT TO MENTION THERE'S ALSO NO DUST AND NO POLLUTION THE SPACE IS VAST, GREEN, AND YOU CAN SMELL THE SEA.
JUST SIMPLY IDLING WHILE ENJOYING THE ATMOSPHERE FEELS GOOD, DON'T YOU THINK?

-HERE
IT FEELS LIKE BEING IN MOTHER'S EMBRACE...

Even my memories of mother are fabricated
For what reason do I even exist?

I am a living organism created in the laboratory of that island.
Because of my hatred for Ilegenes I wanted to change it But these feelings were also artificially created and inserted into me by the eight professors.
...
The lingering feeling of not wanting to leave the island must also stem from my brain being programmed to feel this way
...
I DON'T THINK...IT CAN BE CONSIDERED HATRED.
HATE?
JACQUES, DO YOU HATE THE CURRENT ILEGENES?

GENETIC ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT MANAGED TO SAVE THE ISLAND. ORIGINALLY, THIS TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY WAS CREATED TO HELP SAVE LIVES.
I DON'T KNOW WHEN PEOPLE STARTED TO USE IT FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH DESIRES.
BUT THE RESULT WAS THAT IT CONTAMINATED THE WHOLE ISLAND...WHY DO RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE THIS EVEN HAPPEN?
WELL
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S LIMITED PROGRESS, THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO WANT TO RESTORE ILEGENES TO ITS FORMER STATE
IF THOSE HIGHER UP CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE ISLAND USING THEIR VIOLENT AND GREEDY METHODS,
I'LL PROBABLY START HATING THEM. MAYBE ...

AS LONG THEY GIVE THE PEOPLE THE ENERGY TO LIVE ON, THEN EVERYTHING'S FINE...
JACQUES, YOU REALLY LOVE HUMANS, DON'T YOU.
THIS PLACE IS TRULY BEAUTIFUL ...
...There's Jacques on the island, and also my important friends.
The thought of wanting to treasure the place they live, Ilegenes
is definitely not something that was forcibly implanted into my memories
I WONDER HOW ES IS DOING.
FORGET DRAWING THE SCENERY ON THE ISLAND, JUST ADMIRING THIS LANDSCAPE IS PRETTY GOOD.
I REALLY WANT TO SHOW IT TO HIM.
The one I hate is not this beautiful island.
The one I want to save is not the island in my fabricated memory.
So I never really faced it properly...
Instead, I simply allowed the feeling of hatred to overwhelm and control me.

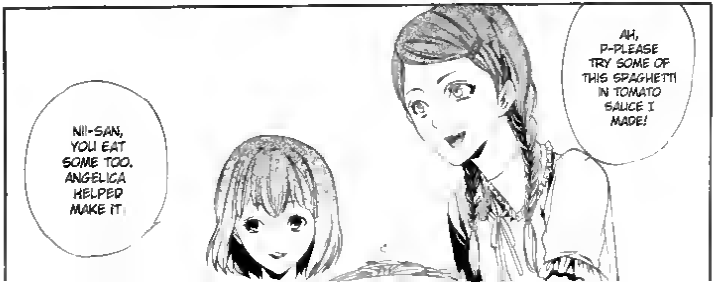
Within these feelings of love for the island...
drip
HMM...?
...there's definitely "my" existence in there somewhere...
POUR
WAH!
IT'S POURING!
Definitely...
IT'D BE OKAY IF IT WAS JUST A PASSING DRIZZLE BUT IF IT DEVELOPS INTO A THUNDERSTORM...
LET'S GO BACK, FON.
LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T TAKE SHELTER FROM THE RAIN HERE...
OKAY...

splash
splash
I understand now..
Why every time there is thunder... a numb feeling spreads slowly from inside of me.
It's not because I was afraid of it, but because
I was silently wishing for it.
RUMBLE

MY APOLOGIES, FON.

IT'S ALL BECAUSE I SUGGESTED YOU GO FOR A WALK OUTSIDE
THAT YOU ENDED UP BEING DRENCHED.
NO.
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVEN'T REALLY BREATHED SEA AIR BEFORE
IT FELT VERY REFRE-SHING

HERE, TRY SOME OF THIS FRIED EGG CELINA MADE, IT'S DELICIOUS
OKAY!
YOU NEED TO EAT MORE! EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE FROM THE MILITARY SCHOOL, YOU DON'T LOOK VERY BULKY


AH, P-PLEASE TRY SOME OF THIS SPAGHETTI IN TOMATO SAUCE I MADE!
NII-SAN, YOU EAT SOME TOO. ANGELICA HELPED MAKE IT.

...
WHAT'S THIS, YOU'RE ALREADY AN "ADULT", BUT YOU'RE STILL AFRAID OF THUNDER?
DOOM
Flinch
OI, OI EVERYONE CALM DOWN A LITTLE
haha
EH...
I-I'M NOT SCARED! I GOT OVER IT A LONG TIME AGO!
IF YOU'RE SCARED, THERE'S NO NEED TO FORCE IT. YOU CAN SLEEP TOGETHER WITH ME
STOP TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD
Family... blood related. it's so warm .

RUMBLE
I can't sleep..
struggle
...
RUMBLE
EH?
Shuffle

phew
WHO is IT?
Shuffle
Shuffle
What ...?
SHHH
JOHN ...?
!

DOOM
Well...
DON'T TELL JACQUES NII-SAN
RUMBLE
So he is scared after all.
flinch
Would it be too much to treat him as a child?
Pat

I HEARD IF IT HITS YOU ON THE HEAD YOU'LL DIE IMMEDIATELY
JUST THINKING ABOUT MY TALLER MOTHER AND FATHER
AND EVERYONE ELSE BEING HIT, I

He didn't push me away.

5

AH... I'M NOT SCARED!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SCARED

I'M NOT TALL ENOUGH, SO I CAN'T PROTECT EVERYONE
THAT'S WHY... IT'D BE WEIRD FOR ME TO SAY I'M SCARED

OF COURSE...
WHY, WHY DOES THUNDER EXIST?

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
...
BECAUSE THE SOUND OF THUNDER IS THE SOUND OF BIRTH

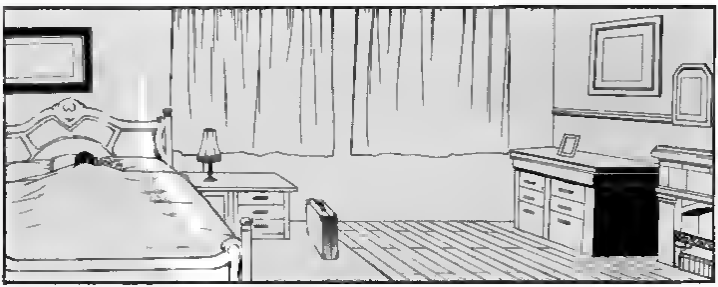
RUMBLE
The birth of life protected by the Goddess...
to me, who was created artificially, feels very, very far away-
Everytime I hear thunder, every time I see lightning, I feel my heart clenching painfully
IN THAT MOMENT WHERE NEW LIFE IS BORN, AT THE FIRST BREATH THEY TAKE,
THE THUNDER WILL RING OUT JUST LIKE THE SOUND OF THEIR FIRST CRY.
AH...
DOOM
-THEN
IT RANG BEFORE
?

WHEN FON WAS BORN, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN THUNDER THEN TOO
THE SCENE OF LIGHTNING AND THUNDER MUST BE LIKE YOUR EYES, THE SAME BEAUTIFUL PEACOCK CUUUK.
...
RUMBLE
I WONDER IF THE THUNDER RANG FOR ME WHEN I WAS BORN?
chuckle
YEAH
AH IS THAT SO, THEN I DON'T NEED TO BE SCARED, NO NEED TO BE SCARED...

breathes
!
So warm ...
So he was here. John, that little brat, he really is still scared
...

I thought he'd be crying alone somewhere -
He never came to my room and wasn't in his own bed either
...
breathes

GOOD NIGHT FON, JOHN...
He's asleep
relaxed



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.....
FON
FON
chirp
bubble
.....
who...?
Ah...
FON, WAKE UP

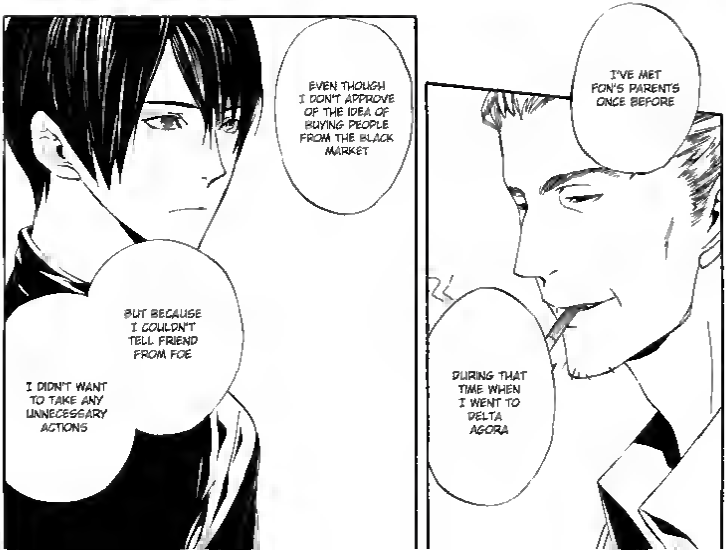
Mo...
ther...?
CHAPTER 29
SHH
DON'T TELL JACQUES NII-SAN
!
DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
finish
MHH
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE FON.
GOOD MORNING
GOOD MORNING FON~
MORNING JACQUES JOHN
.....
John's already up. I overslept..

HMM.
I SLEPT REALLY WELL!
RUB
WHAT IS IT, JOHN?
HAHA,
THAT KID IS BECOMING MORE MISCHIEVOUS.
IT'S NOTHING. THIS IS A SECRET BETWEEN ME AND FON.
GOOD MORNING, UNCLE
OH, GOOD MORNING
PLEASE SIT DOWN
EH, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL YOUR NII-SAN?

JACQUES, JOHN
IF YOU HAVE TIME FETCH ME SOME HERBS FROM THE YARD.
AH, OKAY!
FON, YOU COME TOO-
IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH WITH JUST THE TWO OF YOU-
CLATTER
NO
I'LL HELP TOO.
He's being stubborn again.
NO WORRIES, NO WORRIES FON, YOU CAN SIT AND TALK WITH ME
...
LAST NIGHT, JOHN WENT OVER TO YOUR ROOM, DIDN'T HE?
HE'S CLEARLY FRIGHTENED YET HE TAKES UP A GRIN AND BEAR IT ATTITUDE AS HIS FATHER I CAN SOMEWHAT UNDERSTAND
Grin and bear it but he is still so young.
JOHN USED TO BE REALLY AFRAID OF STRANGERS BUT SUDDENLY, HE STARTED TO BECOME MORE OUTGOING

JOHN LOOKS UP TO JACQUES A LOT. THAT'S WHY HE WANTS TO BE TALL.
NOPE?
...WAS JACQUES ALSO LIKE THIS WHEN HE WAS YOUNG?
JUST RECENTLY, HE SAID THAT ONCE HE'S GROWN UP, HE'S GOING ON AN ADVENTURE BY HIMSELF.
IF JOHN ENDS UP BEING AN AIMLESS WANDERER TOO I DON'T THINK I CAN HANDLE IT.
I DON'T KNOW
NII-SAN, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TELL THOSE APART?
HE REALLY LOVES JACQUES EH?
I'VE NEVER REALLY HAD ANYONE TO LOOK UP TO.
BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS
!
EVEN IF HE GETS TALLER, IF HE DOESN'T BECOME MORE MATURE, THEN IT'S MEANINGLESS.

Even though I'm not sure if I can call him "Father"...
The time we spent together were only a short few months.
YOU MUST HAVE LOOKED UP TO YOUR FATHER.
THE TIME I SPENT WITH MY PARENTS
WASN'T VERY LONG


EVEN THOUGH I DON'T APPROVE OF THE IDEA OF BUYING PEOPLE FROM THE BLACK MARKET
BUT BECAUSE I COULDN'T TELL FRIEND FROM FOE
I DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE ANY UNNECESSARY ACTIONS
I'VE MET FON'S PARENTS ONCE BEFORE
DURING THAT TIME WHEN I WENT TO DELTA AGORA

I PERSONALLY THINK THAT I CANNOT LIVE THE LIFE THAT MY PARENTS WANTED FOR ME...
CHILDREN DO NOT LIVE ACCORDING TO WHAT THEIR PARENTS DECIDE FOR THEM.
THEY FALL AND HURT THEMSELVES IN THE PROCESS, BUT THAT IS WHAT WILL GUIDE THEM ON THE RIGHT PATH...
.....
AND HOW DOES THAT MATTER?
IS THAT NOT THE CASE?
WON'T YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO LIVE THE IDEAL LIFE YOU WANT?

IN PARTICULAR, BECAUSE JACQUES WAS OUR VERY FIRST CHILD
WE WERE YOUNG THEN AND ENTHUSIASTIC
YEAH FROM THE VERY BEGINNING I HAD THAT THOUGHT. SO TO SAY.
PUFF
!
WE TOOK EXTREME CARE IN PRENATAL EDUCATION WE'D LET HIM LISTEN TO MUSIC WHILE HE WAS STILL INSIDE HIS MOTHER
MY WIFE AND I ALSO DISCUSSED OUR CHILD'S FUTURE TOGETHER.
EVERYDAY, I'D PLACE MY HEAD NEXT TO HER TUMMY, ANTICIPATING HOW OUR CHILD WOULD LOOK WHEN HE WAS BORN.
BUT, WHEN HE WAS BORN, THE CHILD DIDN'T LIVE QUITE AS I EXPECTED

I HEARD HIM TALK ABOUT IT BEFORE. PEOPLE WHO LIVE TOO COMFORTABLY HAVE DIFFICULTIES ADAPTING AND INTERACTING WITH OTHERS.
SO THAT'S WHY HE HAD TO LEAVE THE ISLAND TO LIVE A LIFE WITH RESTRICTIONS.
I WATCHED HIM AS HE TURNED 20 YEARS OLD, AND WAS STILL IDLY AND AIMLESSLY DOING NOTHING. SO I TOLD HIM TO GO TRY APPLYING FOR MILITARY SCHOOL.
THOUGH ALL I REALLY WANTED WAS FOR HIM TO SPEND HIS LIFE WITHOUT REGRETS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
REGARDING THE WORLD OUTSIDE OF THE ISLAND, JACQUES MUST HAVE HIS OWN WAY OF THINKING FOR HIM TO MAKE THIS DECISION.
UH... YOU COULD SAY IT'S HIS GRANDFATHER'S IDEA
EVEN THOUGH THE ONES WHO SUGGESTED THE IDEA OF MILITARY SCHOOL WERE US
THE DECISION TO ENROLL WAS ENTIRELY OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

THAT WANDERING CHILD WAS FINALLY ABLE TO STAND UP STRAIGHT.
YOU KNOW, FON
ABSORBING DIFFERENT TYPES OF EXPERIENCE
AND ENCOUNTERING DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE
YOU'RE SAYING
.....
Because he met me...?

I WAS A FACTOR IN CREATING THE JACQUES WE KNOW TODAY?

OH
OI OI, DON'T THINK OF IT AS BEING SO COMPLICATED!
FOR EXAMPLE HE SAID THAT IF HE HAD LEFT THE WET TOWEL ON HIS BED FON WOULD SCOLD HIM. UH. JUST REALLY SMALL THINGS LIKE THAT.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE REALLY SMALL THINGS A SMALL DROP HERE AND THERE CAN CHANGE PEOPLE
So that's how it is.
THAT GUY CAN BE A MESS AT TIMES IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE HIS ROOMMATE
...AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT CELINA SAID?
TO BE HONEST I AM THE ONE WHO IS ALWAYS BEING SAVED BY JACQUES

Meeting Jacques and
All those classmates from military school
Are the things that helped me grow as a person...
If I had never met Jacques
And everything from before never happened
I wonder what kind of path I would be walking right now.

Genes that are able to change this island were created
and inserted into the womb along with fabricated memories.
After leaving the womb
I was sent straight to my foster parents. But to me, they are my only family
FON

What this shell feels were not planned nor programmed beforehand.
No matter what happens
Those of whom I am acquainted with
They're part of the people who helped me grow...

JACQUES IS A VERY IMPORTANT FRIEND TO ME
NO MATTER WHAT HE IS STILL OUR PRECIOUS SON.
AND ALSO, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF JACQUES IN THE DAYS TO COME
-EH APOLOGIES FOR TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS SO EARLY IN THE MORNING
I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE
TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET HIM
FOR HIM TO BE ALIVE IN THIS WORLD

AH FATHER IS SO SNEAKY! KEEPING FON NII-SAN ALL TO HIMSELF
I'VE TOLD YOU. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT VERY SERIOUS MATTERS
HEY, HEY
FON NII-SAN BEFORE WE EAT, PLAY TOGETHER WITH US!
LET'S PLAY HOPSCOTCH
HOPSCOTCH...? LET ME THINK, I REMEMBER THAT YOU PLAY ON ONE FOOT AND HOP...
OKAY
HEY JACQUES NII-SAN, COME PLAY WITH US TOO!

THESE TWO DAYS REALLY FLEW BY

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ME
YOU MUST VISIT US AGAIN!
FON, COME TALK WITH US AGAIN NEXT TIME
YEAH
TAKE CARE FON
PETITE WE'RE NOT SENDING THEM OFF TO DEATH OR SOMETHING
BUT
THANKS.
YOU GUYS ARE EXAGGERATING
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN RIGHT, FON?
JOHN.

?
That...
ONCE OUR SCHEDULE IS FREE WE'LL COME BACK AGAIN ..RIGHT, FON?
YEAH
YOU'LL BE BACK VERY SOON, WON'T YOU?
YOU'LL CONTINUE GROWING SO I'LL MAKE THE SIZE A LITTLE BIGGER
THAT'S RIGHT. NEXT TIME YOU COME BACK I'LL MAKE A WINTER SWEATER FOR FON!
YES
WINTER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER AFTER ALL.
FOR ME ..?

whoosh
YOU MUST COME BACK
WE'LL ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR YOU HERE
pat
pat

It was because of the fact that I was part of an important plan
that Father and Mother were able to love me.
I...
I...
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT BLOOD RELATED
YOU'RE STILL MY PRECIOUS SON
!
Fen, you're wrong... even though you weren't related by blood

They still thought of you
As their precious son
Always loving you
I. how could I have ever doubted their feelings?

Even though the time was short I really did spend a warm and happy time together with them
Doubting the time I spent together with my parents. Doubting the arms wrapped around me
and also doubting their love...
ぎゅっ
You two were clearly my parents

Kuuhh
CAREFUL WHILE TRAVELLING, YOU TWO
GLOMPS
WAH

WAIT JACQUES?! IT'S PAINFUL
WHAT, WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY...?
SQUEEZE
IT'S FINE LIKE THIS ONCE IN AWHILE
?
YOU'RE REALLY A WEIRD KID

I am myself
Even if I run
Even if I despair
I cannot deny my existence.
This is the truth and also my fate

What can a life that was artificially created, do?
I must
Acknowledge my fate before I can find the answer-...

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Stretch
I CAN'T STAND IT.
IT'S BECAUSE BOTH OF YOU TOOK A LONG BREAK. YOU CAUSED US TO WORK TO DEATH
JACQUES IS OKAY. WHAT'S TROUBLESOME IS THAT FON WASN'T HERE
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT BUT THANKS FOR THE NOTES
IT'S WRITTEN PRETTY NEAT AND CLEAR.
AHH ABOUT THAT
BECAUSE MY HANDWRITING IS TOO MESSY. THOSE ARE WRITTEN BY NICOLAS.

5
AHH
HAVING SAID THAT, WHERE IS NICOLAS?
!
...ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING, CALEB?
YOU HESITATED IN ANSWERING WHICH MEANS SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED.
FON?
IS IT SOMETHING THAT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL ME?
HE TOLD ME NOT TO SAY IT...
UHH...

Sorry Nicolas.
ACTUALLY ...
IT'S ABOUT "ELFENBEIN"
!

WHAT ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES! DIDN'T YOU WANT TO CHANGE THIS ISLAND!

AFTER FON SAID SOMETHING ABOUT DISBANDING
NICOLAS HAS BECOME VERY STUBBORN AND
STAYS IN THAT ROOM EVERYDAY
HE STARTED DOING THE ACTIVITIES ALONE. I WANTED TO STOP HIM ...
BUT HE WON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING I SAY

5
I DO NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER.
EVEN IF I DID, I DO NOT WANT TO USE IT FOR THE SAKE OF THIS ISLAND
HE BROUGHT HIS LAPTOP AND IS HOLED UP IN THAT ROOM TODAY AS WELL
THAT GUY IS GETTING CARRIED AWAY.
IT WILL BE GOOD IF HE DOESN'T CREATE ANY TROUBLE.
This is ...
I UNDERSTAND. IN ANY CASE, I'LL GO FIRST
rattle
NO NEED, JACQUES

step
step
PON
I'LL GO.
This is the aftermath of my careless words
I cannot allow more people to suffer from painful experiences.
I will not give up even if I m the only one left
click
tap
tap

click
click
SHIT
NICOLAS ARE YOU FORCING ME INTO DOING THIS, TOO?
What is going on?
What happened during your absence Fortinbras?
BEEEEEEEEEP
!
BUSY
BUSY
BUSY
Dammit, it's a trap..!
click
click
IS THERE ANYWAY TO GET OUT OF THIS?
click

sure is tough... if this goes on, my identity will be. !
It's all because I'm too careless. Losing concentration during the process of invading...
Should I give up...? But if I do the records will...
DON'T GIVE UP, NICOLAS
step
step
step
!!
FORTIN-BRAS...?

5
WHY ARE YOU HERE ...!
DO NOT STOP YOUR HANDS, YOU'LL BE TRACKED
!?
I'LL TAKE OVER.
YES, BUT NOW
CALM DOWN LET ME TRY.
tap
FORTINBRAS, IF IT'S PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES YOU'RE TRYING TO DO I AM BETTER.
WHAT ...!
I CAN DO IT.

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
!!
WH
I can definitely do this.
If it is an ability given to me.

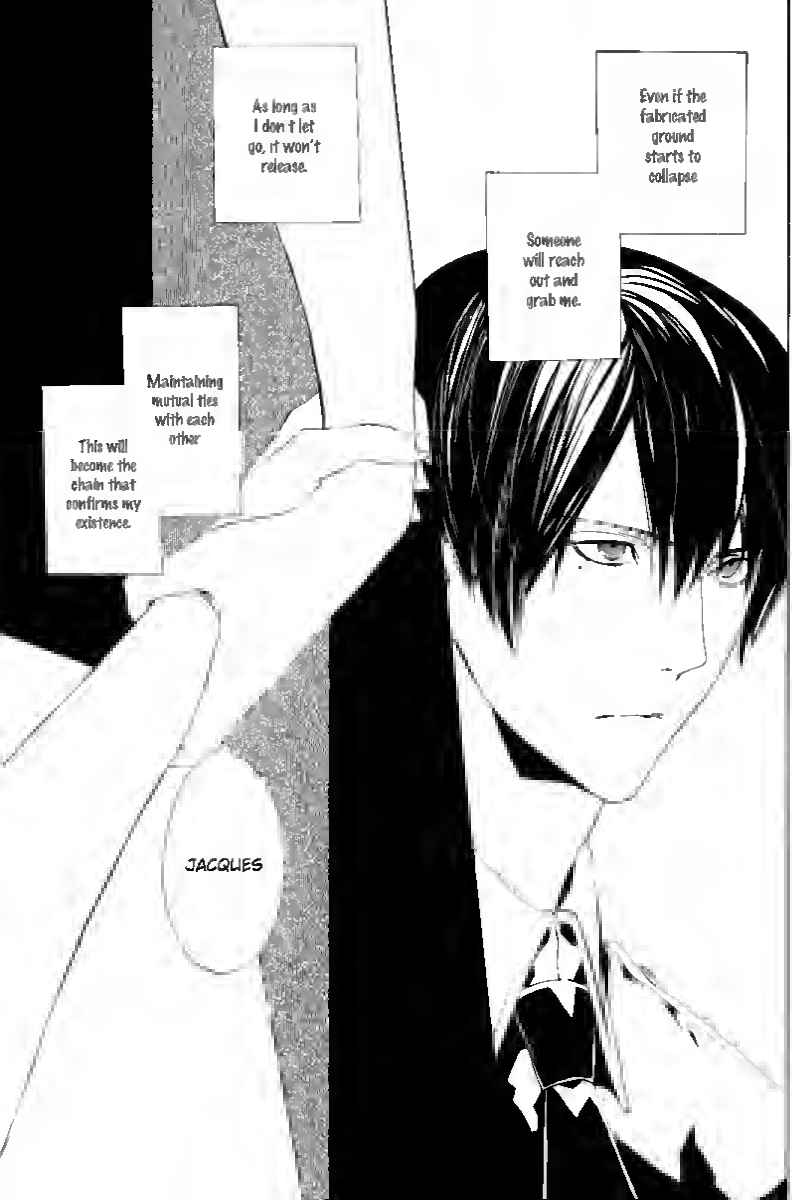
How can this be...such a fast speed, it's incomparable ...!
WHAT IS GOING ON I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO KNOW ANY PROGRAMMING TECHNOLOGY
I WAS ALWAYS WATCHING YOU FROM BEHIND WHEN YOU WERE HACKING, SO I REMEMBER THE STEPS
BEFORE COMING HERE, I'VE MEMORISED A FEW PROGRAMMING THAT I DID BEFORE
I JUST APPLIED THEM ACCORDINGLY
tap
tap
tap

tap
tap
tap
What is going on.
How can this be? Even the traps that I am unable to decode, he s solving them one by one
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
He say he just applies them. ?
Even if he's a genius, this speed of reaction...
tap
tap
tap
I HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE INTO POSSIBLE
AS LONG AS I UNDERSTAND THIS FACT
tap
THERE IS NO REASON I CAN'T DO IT.
tap

THE RECORDS HAVE BEEN DELETED AND NO TRACE IS LEFT BY US
THIS WAY THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS
CLOSE
YOU SURE ARE RASH, NICOLAS
WHY
creak
DID YOU RETURN?
I HEARD ABOUT YOU

Is it from Caleb ?
BUT
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO SAID TO DISBAND WHATEVER I PLAN TO DO IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
I CANNOT LET YOU TAKE THE RISK ALONE
BECAUSE YOU ARE MY FRIEND

YES
I APOLOGISE BECAUSE OF MY STUBBORNNESS, I CASTED ASIDE WHAT EVERYONE HAD WORKED HARD ON.
LET'S CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITIES TOGETHER AGAIN.
YES!
SO CAN I ASK YOU TO HELP ME AGAIN
NICOLAS?
OF COURSE


As long as I don't let go, it won't release.
Even if the fabricated ground starts to collapse
Someone will reach out and grab me.
Maintaining mutual ties with each other
This will become the chain that confirms my existence.
JACQUES

THERE IS A PLACE I WISH TO GO WITH YOU.

ARE WE VISITING YOUR PARENTS?

Changing
Ilegenes...
In order not to get swallowed up by the whirlpool
What is it that I have to do?
It shouldn't be only resisting fate.
THAT I FEEL I CAN FINALLY MOURN FOR THEM FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
IT WASN'T UNTIL TODAY.
EVER SINCE MY PARENTS WERE MURDERED
MY HEART WAS FILLED WITH REVENGE ESPECIALLY WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED HERE.
I must take revenge.

What should I do to see it?
In this heart that is created where is my true-self hidden?
What is it that I must do?
What do I desire...
Even if I was created in order for you to love me, you accepted it and took care of me.
A resolute determination like yours... how do I uncover it?
...

DURING YOUR THREE WEEKS OF REST
.....
For...
WHAT HAPPENED?
CAN YOU TELL ME?

!
!!
YOU WERE CREATED BY US.

.....
...
SORRY
I
STILL
...
I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE WHEN YOU WERE JUST A CELL.

I SEE
IF SAYING IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL TROUBLED, THERE IS NO NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF
BUT
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN STAY BY MY SIDE

IS A PERSON LIKE ME OKAY?
ONLY YOU
...
...
!
I...
About the pain which you can't say aloud...
I might not be able to help you right now
However

When the day comes and you can open your heart and tell me
Let's endure it together
HOW CAN I DECLINE?
I WILL.
I WILL WALK WITH FON.

Not knowing when the next outbreak is...

!
IN ORDER TO LET ME WALK DOWN THIS ROAD PROPERLY
No matter what, you were always by my side
Always able to pull me back out at the nick of time
That's right
JACQUES...
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU BEING ALONE.

STAY BY MY SIDE.
I HOPE YOU CAN

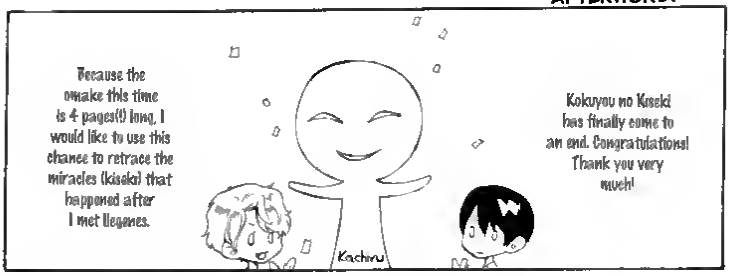
AS LONG AS IT'S WITH YOU, EVEN IF IT'S IN A FOREST IN HELL, IT IS WORTH IT.
I'M QUITE CONFIDENT WITH WALKING
LET'S
GO TOGETHER

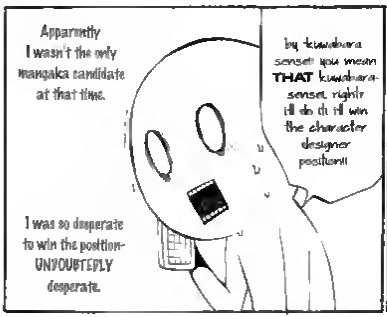
TO THE PLACE WHERE WE CAN HEAR THE VOICE OF THE GODDESS

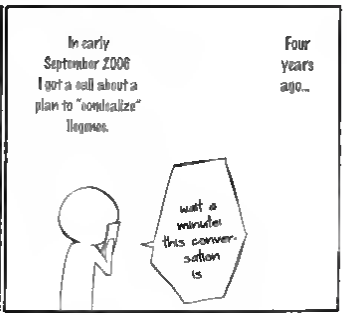
That experiment
Is still being carried out.
My upcoming future might have already been decided.

But for now, I want to use my own feet to embark on this journey
Even if this heart of mine was created by other humans.

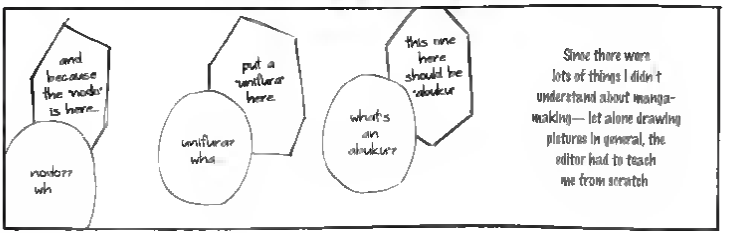
Because the real meaning of creating life
Lies in my own hands.


Because the omake this time is 4 pages(!) long, I would like to use this chance to retrace the miracles (kiseki) that happened after I met Ilegenes.
Kachiru
Kokuyou no Kiseki has finally come to an end. Congratulations! Thank you very much!


Apparently I wasn't the only mangaka candidate at that time.
I was so desperate to win the position- UNDOUBTEDLY desperate.
by kuwahara sensei! you mean THAT kuwahara-sensei, right? i'll do it! i'll win the character designer position!!


In early September 2006 I got a call about a plan to "comicalize" Ilegenes.
wait a minute! this conversation is
Four years ago...

I received and read the magazine, that was the beginning
I'LL KILL FON FORTIN-BRAS
ええっ!?
When the Ilegenes individual chapters were still being serialized in a certain magazine and hadn't been transformed into books yet,


and because the reader is here...
reader?? wh
put a uniform here.
uniform? wha
this one here should be obukuu
what's an obukuu?
Since there were lots of things I didn't understand about manga-making— let alone drawing pictures in general, the editor had to teach me from scratch

I had always been drawing characters who are younger than twenty years old so I was unable to easily draw those who are in their thirties.

especially cause I had to draw these two

Following the company's request to adapt Ilegenes into manga

I had to prepare a chart showing designs of the characters. It was an extremely tough job

Just as I completed the manga for the first chapter of the novel...

As a result, I would wind up working all night and sleep in class the next day with my mouth open.

Maru-pen

Fude-pen

*T/N. Maru-pen and Fude-pen are types of pens used to draw manga.

Also prior to the serialization, I tried various materials to make sure that the printed result of the first chapter suited my style.

It took me half a year to get to my current drawing style.

I couldn't use fude pen when time is limited so I decided not to use it

I was openly appointed as Ilegenes Character Designer!

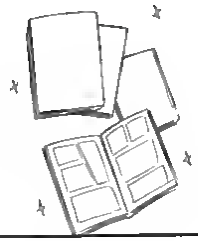
every things decided now

pass?

what's a pass?

Before the serialization of Ilegenes manga began, I was told that I should experience first-hand what manga-making fools like and so I was allowed to be Takumi Narumi-sensei's assistant

Then I realized that I couldn't be a mangaka if the job was just an extension of my love toward manga. After that realization whenever I go to bookstores and see manga created by people who have succeeded in this field I feel deeply moved.



In order to create the flow of the story I recalled some interesting manga that I had read so far and tried looking for reasons why I found those manga interesting.

His legs are too flat and short could you please draw a pair of more dream-like legs?

I thank my editor for always whipping (...) someone like me who can't even tell left from right

If it wasn't for your whip, I'm sure Fon and the others would've ended up in round and short bodies like most Japanese do.

Even I, the Character Designer wasn't aware of the difference..

i'll do it!

come on, I said this because I'm sure you can do it~~~

Sweet talking

I can't talk back to her ※ I'm the type of person who can give her best after being criticized directly.

Ill redraw it!!

this face is FUGLY

My older sister has been helping me from the start with toning and erasing but still, the whole process was quite hard for us.

If I take a picture of this, it will look like a manuscript made by a pro-manga ka!!

SWAP

Finally as I could no longer do everything alone, I hired an assistant to help me from the second half of Volume 4

To people who have been reading this manga up to this point thank you

To my friends and everyone who's been helping me, thank you

Though above all, I'd be very happy if Kuwahara-sensei herself finds this manga fascinating.

Thank you for watching the miracles happen until the end

Four years... It was a long yet short period of time. I'm honored to be able to take part in this project The Kokuyou no Kiseki series is done but its sequel is already on its way Please accompany me until the end of the sequel as well.

Afterword

I think it was around the time when the preparation to publish the novel was starting that my editor asked me, "Do you want to release a manga about Fon and Jacques when they were students of the Military Academy?"
I remember agreeing to my editor's offer saying, "Yes, yes." One of the reasons is because Fon, who plays the villain in the novel, is always somehow the most popular character among the novel's readers. Plus, I wanted to show the reason why Jacques thinks of Fon as a close friend to such an extent.

Now I feel that their story has become a splendid story, independent from that of the novel.

The events of Fon's past are lightly described in the novel and I was well aware that there'd be no way to avoid drawing brutal scenes if we were to illustrate Fon's story flat-out. Still, I needed a little bit of mental preparation before publishing those drawings that are harsh for the eyes. Although, I'm sure the one who mustered up more courage than me must have been Kachiru-sensei herself.

Having overcome that most difficult part, we were able to portray what lies in the innermost part of Fon as a human being. We were also able to safely depict Fon's interactions with Jacques and his other friends throughout the series. With those goals accomplished, allow me to end the series here— for now.

Thank you for reading this series.

However, their life will be filled with more ups and downs precisely hereafter. Just a little bit more of the manga's story before it will connect you to the future novel, so please look forward to the continuation of this series—which is starting soon.

The sequel of this series will show even fiercer days of the boys who are resolved to change Hagane. New characters will appear and try to shake the faith of Fon, one of the Purge Children— so Fon can't be careless.

Please look forward to the sequel.

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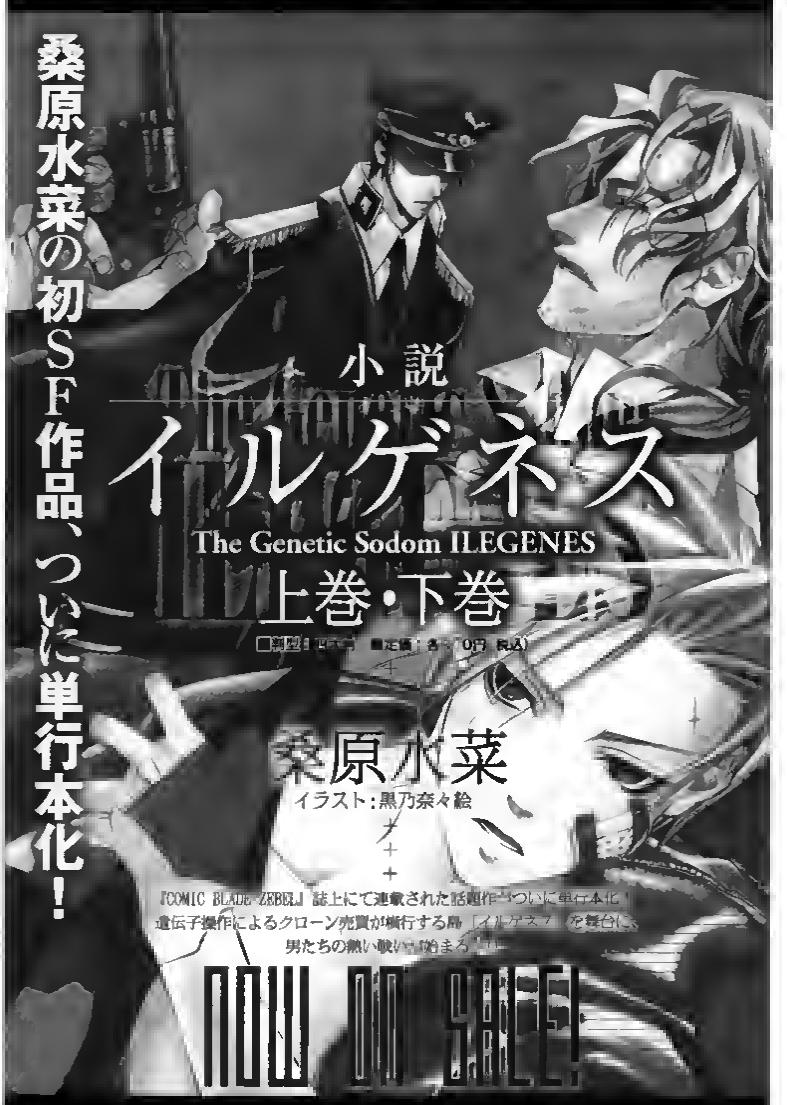

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